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: Deborah Yee Examiner Serial No. : 10/559,844

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Docket No.: JFE-05-1735 · Nobuvuki Ishikawa

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: Ryuji Muraoka

Confirmation No.: 1864 Title : LOW YIELD RATIO, HIGH STRENGTH,

: HIGH TOUGHNESS, THICK STEEL PLATE : AND WELDED STEEL PIPE, AND METHOD

: FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME Dated: January 23, 2009

CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a three (3) month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated July 30, 2008 from October 30, 2008 to January 30, 2009.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$1,110.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2719.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees or insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2719.

Respectfully submitted.

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